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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 4th/October, through Sunday, 11th/October there were 211 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5W, 5X, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FK/c, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP8, VR, VU, XE, YA, YB, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

4U70, U.N. HEADQUARTERS

"The Daily DX" reports that on October 24th, the U.N. will celebrate its 70th anniversary of

United Nations Day. In celebration, the members of the United Nations Amateur Radio Club will be active as 4U70UN from the U.N Garden in the vicinity of the complex. Activity will be limited in time and with equipment. The list of operators has not been announced. A special QSL will be available via HB9BOU.

60 METERS NEWS (New Countries)

*__VP8STI & VP8SG__I - This is the first time 60m has been close to the Antarctica Circle. The co-leaders are as excited about putting this new one on 60m. K3LP, one of the leaders, has put 60m new ones on before. With this team you get twice your moneys worth as they are going to South Sandwich Island on January 17th, and South Georgia Island February 1st.

*__KH5P PALMYRA__ - Will also be a new one on 60m. January 19-26th. Many of these crew members were on the Navassa team. **T42US CUBA** - Just a reminder that this new country on 60m will be on the air October 21st, 22nd and 23rd until 23:59Z. Then they will be back on October 26th and 27th (closing down late afternoon on the 27th). For more details, see the T42US Web site at: **http://www.t42us.com**

6W, SENEGAL

Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as 6W7SK from Saly Portudal, 80 kms south of Dakar on the coast, between January 3-31st (2016). Activity will be holiday style using the same station as last time (IC-7100, BLA-350, into G5RV antenna and inverted L for 160m) operating mainly CW (some SSB and RTTY) on 160-6 meters. Look for his low band activity during his local sunrise and sunset. QSL via F6BLP, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. For more details, logs and pictures of his last operation, visit:

http://www.f6blp.org

6Y, JAMAICA (Update/Postponed)

Masato, JA0RQV, who was expected to be active as 6Y5/JA0RQV from Jamaica (NA-097) between October 24th and December 9th, has postponed his business trip and operation to 6Y5. He states that it will be rescheduled in February 2016.

6Y, JAMAICA

Paul, K1XM, will once again be active as 6Y9X from **Jamaica (NA-097**, WLOTA 0214) and plans to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) possibly as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power/Assisted entry. His category may change because the station was struck by lightning and he doesn't know how much he will be able to get working. So it could be low power, or no assist, or he may spend the whole weekend on the towers. Activity outside the contest will probably be mostly CW, depending on what antenna repairs are needed and how long they take to fix. QSL via KQ1F.

7P, LESOTHO

Chris, MW6GOZ, will be active as 7P8GOZ from Lesotho sometime in December during the Christmas holiday. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

8P, BARBADOS

Chuck, KG9N, will be active as 8P9AL from St. Philip, **Barbados (NA-021**), between October

15-29th. Look for him in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). QSL via KG9N. PLEASE NOTE: This is a reissued callsign. Yuri, VE3DZ, used the callsign in May of 2002. Please QSL those contacts to VE3DZ.

8P, BARBADOS

Tom, W2SC, will once again be active as 8P5A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. He will be on Barbados between October 20-27th, so look for him to do casual operating and testing before and after the contest on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN1N.

9H, MALTA

Zoltan, HA5PP, will once again be active as 9H3PP during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op entry. Activity outside of the contest will take place a few days before the contest and will be on 17 and 12 meters. QSL via HA5PP.

A3, TONGA

Dave, W6ZL, who has been active for the last year and half as 3D2KM from Fiji, will be active as A35KL from the Kingdom of Tonga between October 17-24th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW and RTTY. Equipment will be a K3 with verticals at Kanokupolu on the western side of **Tongatapu Island (OC-049)**. QSL via LoTW or direct to W6ZL. He will be returning to Fiji afterwards.

A7, QATAR

Once again, a joint team with members from and Qatar Amateur Radio Society (QARS), Danish Contest Academy and others, will be (very) active from an impressive set up at the Disaster Management Camp compound in Al Khor in northern Qatar, as A73A in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are several newly Qatari licensees and more experienced operators: Juma/A71EM, Jan/OZ1ADL, Aziz/ A71GO, Alex/OZ7AM, Mubarak/A71AE, Mindaugas/LY4L, Kumar/A75GM, Romeo/S59M, Jameel/A71FJ, and possibly more members of QARS. They will be active from the compound and at the same time use the opportunity to display Radio Sport to visitors. The team will be setting up the station in the weeks prior to the Contest and will be active with the regular club callsign A71A, with particular emphasis on the low bands. QSL via A71A.

A7, QATAR

Operators Saif/A71AM, Khalid/A71CO, Abdulla/A71CV, Ali/A71BX, Faisal/9K2RR, Suli/7Z1SJ, Hani/HZ1HN, Abdullah/HZ1BW, Abdul/HZ1DG, Fawaz/ A92AA, Majed/HZ1MX, Maher/HZ1BL, Alex/SQ9UM, Pete/SQ9DIE, Rafal/SQ9CNN and Piotr/SQ9FK will be active as A71CV during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via A71CV.

CR3, MADEIRA

Members of the Madeira Contest Team will be active as CR3A from **Madeira Island (AF-014)** during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-? entry. Operators mentioned are Tony/CT1FFU, Joe/ CT3BD, Luis/CT3DL, Joe/CT3DZ, Luis/CT3EE, Duarte/CT3EN, Tiago/CT3KU, Jose/CT3KY, Jose/CT3NT (CT1BOH), Jozef/OM3GI and Stenfan/OM3RG. QSL via LoTW or EA5GL.

DP1, ANTARCTICA

It has been reported that Felix, DL5XL, will once again be active as DP1POL from the German Neumayer Station III (WW Loc. IB59UH) between November 2015 and February 2016. Activity will be on all HF bands using mainly CW and possibly some SSB and Digital modes. QSL via DL1ZBO or LoTW. ADDED Felix does have a FaceBook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/dl5xl?fref=ts

Also, Marcus, DL1MH, is expected to be active as DP0GVN from the same station between December 2015 to February 2017. His activity will be on the HF bands using mainly SSB. QSL DP0GVN via DL5EBE.

DXCC NEWS

Sharon Taratula, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

TX3X - 2015 Operation
ZA1KS - 2015 Operation

E2, THAILAND

Members of the Thailand DX Association (HSDXA) will be active as E2X during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25tH) and the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW. Visit the HSDXA FaceBook page or Web page at:

http://www.facebook.com/hsdxa
http://www.qsl.net/hsdxa/index1.htm

E3, ERITREA

Zorro, JH1AJT, will once again be active as E30FB from Asmara between October 16-22nd. His activities will be on SSB, during his off duty hours on his business trip. He will bring TS-590, 1.3K-FA, 20/15/10m tri-bander Yagi, and verticals for 17 and 40m bands. QSL via JH1AJT: PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka, Kanagawa, 259-0111, Japan. An OQRS and LoTW confirmation will be provided after his return.

ED8, CANARY ISLANDS

An international contest team will be active as ED8X from **Tenerife Island (IOTA AF-004**, DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, EAA TF) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Alexey/RA1A, Vladimir/RW1A, Krassimir/K1LZ, Paul/K1XM, YL Charlotte/KQ1F, Velimir/K3JO, Andrey/LZ2HM, Choigonjav/JT1CO, Ionut/YO9WF and Tiberiu/YO9GZU. QSL via LoTW or RN3RQ.

EA9, CEUTA AND MELILLA

A team of seven German operators will be active as EA9/DK8YY from Melilla between October 14-19th. Operators mentioned are DG0OHD, DG5AA, DK8YY, DL1AOB, DL1AWD, DL5AOL and DL8ALU. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will also be in the Worked All Germany (WAG) Contest (October 17-18th). Bureau QSLs go to DK8YY and direct QSLs go only via DH7WW (new address: Ulrich Möckel, Schwarzwinkel 13, 08304 Schönheide, Germany).

ED9, CEUTA AND MELILLA

Members of the Ceuta Legion Contest Team will be active as ED9K during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are Jose/EA7BJ, Jesus/EA7DTQ, Salvador/EA7FQB, Jorge/EA7HZ, Julio/EA7JB, David/EA7KI, Manolo/EA7LL, Jose/EA7LS, Cris/ EA7RU, and Jose/EA9CD. QSL via EA7LS, only direct (NO BUREAU - NO IRCs). Visit the ED9K Team's FaceBook page at:

http://www.facebook.com/ed9kteam

FY, FRENCH GUYANA

Christian, F5UII, will once again be active as FY/F5UII from the "Radio club de Kourou" (RACK) radio club station FY5KE in Kourou City between October 19-28th. Activity will be limited because of his work, but look for him on 40-10 meters (depending of propagation) using mainly SSB and RTTY. He suggests to look for him during the his spare time approximately before 1100z, and between 1500z and 1700z, and also in the evening after 2100z. Christian also mentioned that he will use his TS480 (100W) and may be a little bit on 80m, and 160m (with Shunt Feed mast). After his on air activities, you will be able to check his online log for your QSO at: http://www.f5uii.net/en/carnet-de-trafic QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. For more details and updates, visit:

http://www.f5uii.net/en/again-chris-fy-f5uii-in-october-2015/
Christian also has a Twitter account: https://twitter.com/f5uii

FY, FRENCH GUIANA

Operators Marc/F1HAR, Herve/F5HRY, Christian/F5UII, Laurent/F6FVY and Didier/FY5FY will be active as FY5KE during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via the Bureau.

GJ, JERSEY

Members of the Jersey Contest Group will be active as GJ2A from **Jersey Island (EU-013)** during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW, direct to GJ3DVC or the ClubLog's OQRS.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Brian, ND3F, will be active as HI3W (pending) from Dominican Republic between November 23rd and December 3rd. Activity will be on the HF bands and including the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

HF13, POLAND (Special Event)

Members of the SP5PPK Club will activate special event station HF13URSA to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the unique brewery in the southern part of Poland (a small place called Uherce Mineralne in the Bieszczady Mountains), which produces excellent, sophisticated and exceptionally tasting beer in different flavors. Operations will take place next weekend, October 15-18th. Activity will be on 160-80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Detailed information about the activity is given on the website **QRZ.com**and

http://www.ursamaior.pl

QSL via SP5PPK.

INTREPID-DX GROUP NEWS (Press Release from Paul N6PSE) [October 6th, 2015]

> The Board of Directors of the Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce that we have received Internal Revenue Service classification as an exempt public charity under section 501 (C) (3). Donors can now deduct contri- butions made to the Intrepid-DX Group and we are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, transfers or gifts.
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> The primary goals of the Intrepid-DX Group are to conduct and support amateur radio DXpeditions. To conduct scientific research exploring electro- magnetic wave propagation in the high frequency domain and education through public presentations of our Dxpedition activity. We will promote interest and proficiency in amateur radio communications with respect to improving operating and technical skills.

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Intrepid-DX Group charter officers are:
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George Williams-N6NKT
Craig Thompson-K9CT
David Flack-AH6HY
William Beyer-N2WB.
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More information about the Intrepid-DX Group can be found on our website at:
http://www.intrepid-dx.com

IOTA NEWS

AF-018. Operator Gianfranco, IT9SPB, will be active as IH9A from **Pantelleria Island** (IIA TP-001, MIA MI-124, WW Loc. JM56XT), African Italy, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (160m) entry. QSL via LoTW. He states, "New Contest Location, after 1st World Place WPX SSB, I will attempt to be CQWW All Time Score for Top Band -- 4 Square Verticals, Delta Loop and low angles dipoles, plus 3 Beverage and Apex RX system. New flat area around sea level."

NA-047. Jean, VE2JCW, will be active as VY0JCW from Iqaluit, Nunavut, **Baffin Island**, Canada, between December 13-26th. Activity will be QRP on 40/20/10 meters CW/SSB with an FT-817 into an End- Fed wire antenna. QSL via VE2JCW.

IOTA TOUR. Adhi (Bimbo), YB3MM, will activate the following islands in the Nusa Tenggara Timur Region as YB3MM/9 between November 18-23rd: **Timor Island (OC-148), Rote Island (OC-241) and Savu Island (OC-151)**. There is a possibility some other operators may join Adhi on this trip. See **QRZ.com** for QSL info.

KH2, GUAM

Kei, JJ1RJR, will be active as KG2A/KH2 from **Guam (OC-026)** between October 21-26th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. He will also be in the CQWW DX SSB

Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Non-contest activities will might be focused on CW. QSL via JJ1RJR direct (see **QRZ.com**). He states, "KG2A USA address is no longer reachable."

KH5, PALMYRA (Press Release #4 - Dated October 7th). [edited]

Callsign for Palmyra 2016 announced! -- After many months of planning, securing permits and negotiating contracts with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the Nature Conservancy, we are quickly approaching the much anticipated DX- pedition to Palmyra, KH5-P. The Team is excited to be able to activate this much needed entity. Palmyra ranks in the top ten of the Most Wanted List and #2 in Europe! Palmyra 2016 call is K5P!

Co-leaders Craig/K9CT and Lou/N2TU, have formed a very experienced, highly qualified Team of 12 operators and plan to operate five stations over a 14 day period, January 11th through January 26th, 2016. Palmyra (KH5) ranks #9 on the Most Wanted List and #2 in Europe. As with other DXpeditions of this magnitude, this is an expensive ad- venture. Location, transportation, island costs, and other logistics make Palmyra a costly operation.

Critical to major DXpeditions are the immediate, up-front commitment costs. Before the DXpedition begins, all equipment must be secured, pre- tested, and shipped to Hawaii where it will then be organized for forwarding to Palmyra.

The DX community has been very supportive of this much needed DXCC operation however, we are requesting additional financial support. We have a large payment due on November 1, and are short of our commitments. No matter how large or small the donation, every bit helps. Please do not wait until the operation is completed; most of the expenses are up-front and your support is urgently required now. Future permission to operate on Palmyra Atoll may not happen for many years as access is severely restricted.

Please visit our Palmyra2016 website to make your donation at:

http://palmyra2016.org/pages/sponsors.html

73, Lou/N2TU and Craig/K9CT

P4, ARUBA

Operators Jim/K5JP, Joel/N5JR and Jim/NT5V will be active as P40DX, P40JR and P40JW, respectively, from Aruba between now and October 17th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, with an emphasis on the 30/17/12m and 80/160m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW (after their return). DO NOT QSL via the P4 Bureau. Joel states, "If possible I will upload my QSOs to ClubLog on a daily basis at:

https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/P40JR

PJ4, BONAIRE

Operators Noah/K2NG and David/NA2AA will be active as PJ4G from the K2NG rental QTH (PJ4G Contest Station) on **Bonaire (SA-006**, WLOTA LH-1279) for CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. Before and after the contest, operators will sign as PJ4/K2NG and PJ4/NA2AA. QSL PJ4/K2NG via K2NG and LoTW. QSL PJ4/NA2AA via NA2AA and LoTW. QSL PJ4G via WA2NHA. For more details about the PJ4G contest station,

see:

http://www.pj4g.com

PJ4, BONAIRE

Operators Scott/W4PA, Randall/K5ZD, Steve/PJ4DX, Peter/ PJ4NX and Bert/PJ4KY will be active as PJ4Q from Kralendijk on **Bonaire (SA-006**, WLOTA LH-1279) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-? entry. PJ4Q operates Field Day style on Bonaire during major contests. Activity outside of the contest, operators will be signing PJ4/homecall and will be active on 160-10 meters, with a focus on 160/30/ 17/12 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL PJ4Q via W4PA. QSL all others via their home callsign.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 12-18th)

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Oct/12th HN      Oct/15th  HN     Oct/17th  DIS
Oct/13th HN      Oct/16th  HN     Oct/18th  AN
Oct/14th HN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE http://www.bandconditions.com:
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA (Update)

Operators Ron/AA4NC, Will/AA4VK, and Murray/WA4DAN will be active as PY0F/homecall from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) between October 18-28th, including operating in the CQWW DX SSB Contest. Activity will be on all-bands, 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Elecraft has generously provided a complete station, including K3S and KPA500 amp. AA4NC will be the operator for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry signing PY0F/AA4NC. QSL via AA4VK or **www.qslnow.com**. A multi-card color QSL with island scenes similar to the QSLs for their recent CY0 operations is planned. WA4DAN will handle "Direct" QSLs. AA4VK will handle requests via the OQRS service, at **QSLNow.com**, developed by Randy, N0TG. Until a dedicated PY0F website is created, updates will be posted at **http://www.AA4VK.com** and at the various DX bulletins.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (October 10th)
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4U70VIC via 4U1VIC        HG7T via HA7TM          PI4GN via PA1T
4X0A via 4X1VF *          I1ASU/IS0 via I1ASU     S5/DF8AN/P via DF8AN
5B/DF6FR via DF6FR        N4F via K7LU            SV5/IK2ECC via IK2ECC
DF60VGZ via DL2MIJ        N4N via KA4WJR          SV9/M0NPT/P via M0NPT
DL/AJ9C via AJ9C          OL9W via OK2BIQ         TA2/DL7BC via DL7BC
EA3/PB8DX via PB8DX       OT6V/P via ON6VI        TM6T via F8UHU
EA6/DL3HQN via DL3HQN     OV3T via OZ4XL          UE25R via RN3RQ
EA6/DL6RM via DL6RM       PA6NL via PA3BPC        UE70F via (L/e)
EA8/DL7ISL via DL7ISL     PA70FAW via PA0FAW
GP0STH via G4DIY (d)      PD/DO1BEN via DO1BEN
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (*-B) DX's- Bureau
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only  (L) LoTW only    (*) K1FJ (W & VE only)
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QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B9FR, 3D2YA, 5P9X, 5W1SA, CE3KHZ, D44TUG, DL5ST, DL8DWL, E51MKW, E6GG (OC-040), EU1DX, HI3A, HW/OX5M (EU-026), KH6ZM, LA1SNA, LY2IJ, OJ0DX (EU-053), PQ0T, SV3FUO, TR8CA, TX3X, UB7K, V31MA, VE3SG, VK3IO, YB8RW/P (OC-246), YV1GIY and Z21MG

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2YA, 5T0ITU, 9J2HN, AP2NK, D67GIA, DX0P, ET3AA, F/G3TTC/P (EU-159), FW5JJ (OC-054) PY0F/PP1CZ, PJ7PK, R3RRC/0 (AS-082) and TI9/3Z9DX

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3Z0SDR, 3Z2014DK, 9M8DX/2, 9N7WE, 9V1XE, EA6/SP4MEM, HF3WOSP, HF8J, HF15NATO, HF17TRD, HF65SOLDEK, HF70OMG, HF90IARU, HF110RAEM, J88HL, PJ4/SP9FIH, PJ5/SP6IXF, R0CAF, RD0CD, RQ0C/4, RV0CG, VK2DOI, VK9XSP, VP2V/SP6AXW, VP2/SP9FIH and Z21DXI

RSGB NEWS (The future of the Radio Society of Great Britain's IOTA Program)

Press release dated October 10th [edited]:

Islands on the Air (IOTA) celebrated its 50th anniversary as a premier DX program in July 2014. The last fifty years have seen the program grow to 2,500 active island chasers and approximately 15,000 more casual participants. It is perhaps second in scale and scope to the DXCC award; indeed, many would argue it is even more challenging than that program.

Last year the Society's Board identified a number of challenges that the program faced, not least of which was the need to provide an IT system that would allow online island credit submission akin to Logbook of the World (LoTW). Since that time, a small group of IOTA enthusiasts has been working with the Society to ensure that the IOTA program continues to grow and play the prominent role that it has done in Amateur Radio DXing and contest activity for the last fifty years.

That work has now come to fruition and we are pleased to announce that a new organization will be formed, to be called the IOTA Foundation. It will be run by IOTA enthusiasts and will manage the IOTA program in part- nership with the Society. One major task for the new organization will be to develop a new online credit system that is due to be completed in 2017.

Roger Balister, G3KMA, Bob Barden, MD0CCE, Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC and Johan Willemsen, PA3EXX, are the team who will implement the IT changes and form the IOTA Foundation, with representation from radio amateurs at home and abroad..... Heather Parsons, RSGB Communications Manager

SW9, CRETE

Christo, LZ3FN, will once again be active as SW9AA from **Crete (EU-015**, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA 1400) between November 21st and December 1st. Activity will be holiday style on all bands, mainly CW. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LZ1PM.

T48, CUBA (Update/Special Event)

Station T48D, one of 13 special event stations from eight Cuban call districts will now be active until October 31st. Activity is to celebrate the 35th anniversary of "Grupo DX de Cuba" foundation. Look for operations on CW, Digital and SSB on 80-10 meters. QSL only via EA7TV. ADDED NOTE: Whoever completes 7 of the 13 special event stations can obtain a special certificate. Those interested should send their request to **gdxc@frcuba.co.cu** with their QSO data.

TT8, CHAD

Pierre, HB9AMO, will once again be active as TT8AMO, but from various locations across Chad between mid-October and mid-November. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters on CW (80 + 160m are possible). There may be some SSB during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). The station: 21 years old, TS-50 + MFJ971 tuner + long wire antenna. QSL via M0URX. The 2005 log has been uploaded on LoTW. The 2015 log will be uploaded to LoTW in December 2015. Direct and Bureau cards are via the Online QSL Request Service at:

http://www.m0urx.com/oqrs

Log online is available at:

http://www.hb9amo.net

TX3X CHESTERFIELD DXPEDITION NEWS

By the time you read this, the TX3X DXpedition should be preparing to going QRT or are QRT. The team has endured bad WX, high winds, rain squalls and crummy propagation. As of 2159z, October 10th, the log shows a total of 46114/QSOs (13325/Uniques), with 23065/CW, 18263/SSB and 4786/RTTY. By Continent: 104/AF, 0/AN, 20831/AS, 9014/EU, 13863/NA, 1758/OC and 544/SA. QSL info is available at:

http://www.tx3x.com

V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Operators Brian/N3OC, Rol/K3RA and Bob/W2BZR will be active as V26OC, V26RA and V26BZR, respectively, from Antigua (NA-100) betwee October 18-28th. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Op entry signing V26B.

V8, BRUNEI

Kostyantyn, VE8DX, is now active as V85/VE8DX from **Brunei (OC-088)** before he heads to Martinique (NA-107) between October 17-27th (see **OPDX.1231**). Activity has mainly been on

20 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LY5W.

VP2E, ANGUILLA

Operators Jan/DJ8NK (VP2ENK) and Andy/DL9USA (VP2ECC) will operate from **Anguilla (NA-022)** between November 9-18th. Activity will be on all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. They will have 2 stations using K3s and 600 watts. QSL via their home callsigns.

W9DXCC 2016

John, N0FCD, states: "Mark your calendar for Sept. 16-17, 2016, for the 64th annual W9DXCC convention, as well as DX-U and Contest-U. The gathering will again be held at the Hyatt in Schaumburg, Illinois. More information about the 2016 event will eventually be available here:

http://w9dxcc.com/index.html

XU, CAMBODIA

Ton, JA3IKC, will be active as XU7AHA from Phnom Penh starting October 25th. Length of stay not known. Activity will be mainly on 15 meters using SSB and JT65. QSL via his home callsign direct.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS

Dan, N6MJ, will be active as ZF2MJ from ZF1A QTH on **Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016)** during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. He will be on the island between November 24th and December 1st. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters. QSL via N6MJ.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS

Graham, ZL3MA, will be active as ZL7/ZL3MA from **Chatham Islands (OC-038)** between October 20-27th. Activity will be on CW, PSK and JT65. QSL via ZL3MA.

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